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Applicant(s):	Rabbani et al.	)
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For:	COMPOSITION OF MATTER	)
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	ACID COMPONENT	)
	(As Previously Amended)	)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115  
(IN RESPONSE TO THE DECEMBER 19, 2000 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115) to the Office Action issued on December 19, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 19, 2000 Office Action was originally due March 19, 2001 and that deadline was extended until June 19, 2001 by virtue of a Request For Extension Of Time (3 Months) filed on December 5, 2000. This response is accompanied by a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application. Upon granting of the Petition, this response will be considered as having been timely filed.

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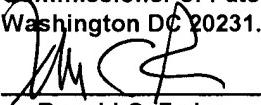
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